



City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2017
6:00 PM – Hanley Park

----- Agenda Topics -----

Topic		Notes
1. Approval of Minutes	Eric Schneider	
2. Addresses from the Audience	Eric Schneider	
3. Hanley Park Plan	Patty DeForrest	
4. Director's Report *Fencing of Fields 5 & 6	Patty DeForrest	
5. Old Business/New Business	Eric Schneider	

Attachments:

Minutes – April 3, 2017
May Events Calendar

Notes:

Next Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2017

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 3, 2017

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

Members present: Brad Bernstein, Jenaro Centeno, Cynthia Garnholz, David LaGesse, Missy McCormick, Jeanne Most, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider & Melanie Tamsky

Absent: Mark Stapleton & Mark Winings

Also Present: Patty DeForrest, Wayne Dunker, Valerie Egel, Dan Krewson, Toni Siering & Denise Ucinski

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the February 6, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience:

Two members of the audience expressed their desire for the City to consider working on a land acquisition trade with the School District for usage of the Maryland School Property. It was suggested that the Board of Alderman (BOA) and the Parks and Recreation Commission work collaboratively to develop a proposal. They also indicated that seeking community input about the Maryland School Property would be important to the best results from this process.

Shaw Park Multi-Use Facility:

Ms. DeForrest provided an overview of Shaw Park Multi-Use Facility project. Mr. Pratl, Project Manager, and Mr. Testa, Design Principal, with Jacobs reviewed the Concept Presentation. (See attached document for all details.) The Commission and members of the audience had a thorough discussion about the Shaw Park Multi-Use Facility project. Highlights of the discussion included the following: enhancement of green space rather than elimination; the orientation of the rink; the potential for a double-sided concession area; storage needs; funding of the project; and changes of the original design concept. Ms. DeForrest and the Jacobs consultants answered questions presented by the public, as well as, provided detailed responses to concerns and feedback. No new tax will be needed to fund this project. Funds from the dedicated parks and stormwater tax will be used to pay bonds issued for the project off over the next twenty years. The estimated cost of construction is \$6.5 million dollars. Design cost for the project is approximately \$500,000.

Ms. Tamsky stated that she is pleased with the work that has been done thus far. She believes it will be more attractive when we look into the park from Brentwood Blvd. Ms. Tamsky also explained the reasons for changing things at the rink and how much safer it will be to drop of children. A couple of people stated they want the character of the building to be more modern, not colonial and to go bold with its design. The BOA and Architectural Review Board (ARB) have to approve the final building design.

The engineers know energy usage is extremely important and will ensure systems are cost effective and LEED Silver Certified. In regards to improvement of ice melt, the new systems will greatly improve operations. To offset the heat of the summer, fabric shading could be added to light poles. In the off season, the facility will be used for various activities, some of which include an extra field practice space, events and concerts.

In summary, the consensus amongst the general public and Commission members is the project plan is heading in the right direction. Things are off to a good start, but the primary concerns are related to building design, aesthetics and access issues related to the building.

Director's Report:

Ms. DeForrest announced that next month's meeting will be held at Hanley Park and will begin at 6:00 pm. Nearby residents will be invited to share their thoughts on the design of the park. MSD is still working on some things at Oak Knoll Park. City staff is handling the planting, but MSD paid for the plants and trees. When the weather improves parks will be able to finish the landscaping. Once the sod is in place, MSD will put the fence back in. Residents are pretty happy with things thus far.

The Chapman Plaza project is going well and scheduled to be completed by July. It is on track to open in August although many of the trees will need to be planted in the fall.

Bid documents for Fields 5 and 6 are being prepared. There will be discussion about putting a fence around these fields in May.

The public meeting for DeMun will be held in May. On April 27 an Open House will be held at The Center to discuss possible uses of the property west of The Center (aka Mulch Pile).

Old Business / New Business:

The Commission is interested in having future discussion in reference to green space at Maryland School. Mr. Centeno reported that the School District of Clayton's next step is community engagement. He indicated that the School Board is open to considering options.

Ms. Garnholz told the Commission this was her last meeting as alderman.

Ms. McCormick would like to talk about Anderson Dog Park operations at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski



Recreation & Event Calendar

May 2017

Music in the City

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Enjoy live music at happy hours in selected Clayton restaurants on Fridays throughout the month of May.

Parties in the Park

Wednesday, May 10, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Stop by Central Avenue for great music and cocktails every second Wednesday this summer. In May, music will be provided by Fatpocket. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce this event is a great way to cap off your work day and visit with friends.

Oasis Open House

Thursday, May 11, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Experience demo classes, lectures, health screenings and other opportunities while learning about St. Louis Oasis. The event will be held at The Center of Clayton in the lobby and upstairs in the Oasis classrooms.

Battle of the Badges BBQ

Saturday, May 13, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Support local emergency personnel while enjoying good food and music in Downtown Clayton! Several area fire and police departments will be on site grilling up ribs, pork butt and chicken. Tickets are \$20 each and the proceeds will benefit Backstoppers and Responder Rescue. Each ticket includes five samples of BBQ, side dishes and soft drinks. Entertainment will be provided by Whiskey Morning and a cash bar will be available.

Aquatic Center Opening Day

Saturday, May 27

The Shaw Park Aquatic Center opens for the 2017 season on Saturday, May 27. The pool will be open from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm throughout the holiday weekend.